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PRODUCTION OF MICA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Mica produced during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of Mica exported to other countries, country-wise;

(c) the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of Mica in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under control of Ministry of Mines, the Statewise production of mica produced during the last three years is as under:-

(Quantity in tonne)

State	2002-03	2003-04 (P)	2004-05 (P)
Mica (Crude)			
India	1232	1076	1366
Andhra Pradesh	907	978	1330
Bihar	11	3	1
Jharkhand	133	29	8
Rajathan	181	66	27
Mica (Waste & Scrap)			
India	2342	2928	2802
Andhra Pradesh	1104	2262	2285
Bihar	11	2	#
Jharakhand	30	84	35
Rajasthan	1197	580	482

# = Negligible
P = Provisional

(b) & (c): As per the information furnished by the Department of Commerce, the foreign exchange earned on account of mica exported during the year 2003 - 04, was equivalent to Rs. 136.76 crores. The main countries of export and the value of export are given below:-

Countries	Value in Crores

Peoples Republic of China 24.25
Japan 22.97
United States of America 17.28
Netherlands 10.16
Belgium 9.78
United Kingdom 7.39
Finland 7.26
Federal Republic of Germany 6.42

Incidentally, it is also mentioned that production estimates of mica are made by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) on the basis of the information furnished by reporting mines. However, mica is also recovered from secondary sources and tailings, details of which are not maintained. The statistics on export of mica include export of mica in all forms and also re-exports.

(d): As per the National Mineral Policy 1993, the exploration/exploitation of the non-fuel and non-atomic minerals including mica has been thrown open to the private sector. However exploration of mica and setting up of mica based Industries will depend on availability of mineral and economic viability of such project.